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## What is claimed is:

- 1. A method for fabricating a titanium nitride (TiN)
- 2 sensing membrane on an extended gate field effect transistor
- 3 (EGFET), comprising the steps of:
- depositing a layer of aluminum on a gate terminal of
- 5 the EGFET using thermal evaporation, wherein the
- 6 layer of aluminum extends from the gate terminal
- 7 to a sensitive window of the EGFET; and
- 8 forming the TiN sensing membrane on an exposed part of
- 9 the layer of aluminum in the sensitive window as
- an ion sensitive sensor (pH sensor) using a radio
- 11 frequency (RF) sputtering process during which
- 12 TiN is used as a sputtering target and a mixture
- of argon and nitrogen in the ratio of 9:1 is used
- 14 as a reactant.
  - 1 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a
- 2 substrate temperature of 150°C, a deposition pressure of 5
- 3 milli-torrs, a sputtering duration time of 1 hour, and an RF
- 4 power of 90 watts are the preferred operating conditions for
- 5 forming the TiN sensing membrane.
- The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the TiN
- 2 sensing membrane has a thickness of about 1800 to 2900Å.
- 1 4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a gate
- 2 terminal of the pH sensor is referred to as a reference
- 3 electrode of the pH sensor.
- 5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
- 2 EGFET includes a temperature sensor and a photosensor.

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- 1 6. The method as claimed in claim 5 further 2 comprising the steps of:
- forming an N-type well over a P-type substrate and then 3 a P-type diffusion region within the N-type well Δ using an ion implantation process to form a 5 temperature diode consisting of the 6 7 diffusion region with respect to the N-type well, such that the temperature diode acts as a 8 9 temperature sensor to sense a temperature under a forward bias; and 10
- forming an N-type diffusion region within the P-type
  substrate using an ion implantation process to
  form a photodiode consisting of the N-type
  diffusion region with respect to the P-type
  substrate, such that the photodiode acts as a
  photosensor to sense a photointensity under a
  reversed bias.
- 7. The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the temperature sensor senses the temperature by determining a decreased turn-on voltage to be a higher temperature under forward bias.
- 8. The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the photosensor senses the photo intensity using a feature that a current caused by changing charge varies with the degree of the photointensity under the reversed bias.